

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
**Christian STAPPER, et. al.**

Examiner: Kamal A. SAEED

Application No.: **10/788,996**

Art Unit: 1626

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Title: **CYCLOALKYLMETHOXY-  
SUBSTITUTED ACETIC ACID  
DERIVATIVES, PROCESSES FOR  
THEIR PREPARATION AND THEIR  
USE AS PHARMACEUTICALS**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This is in response to an Office Action on the merits of the claims of the above-referenced application that was mailed to Applicants Attorney on December 14, 2006 and included a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months which would result in an original due date for response of March 14, 2007. This amendment and response is therefore timely.